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BREVITIES

R. W. Breckman has filed suit in the circuit court against W. C. Aebi to recover \$500 alleged to have been loaned on a promissory note.

Kalaupapa inmates have purchased \$2000 worth of war savings stamps and have ordered \$1500 worth more for sale to the members of the leper colony.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in federal court yesterday by Charles A. Burgess of Hilo. His assets are \$100 and he lists liabilities of \$8050.

James Makinney, a Honolulu boy who is with the Thirtieth Engineers in the States, is reported to be in good health again, after a severe cold which threatened to turn into an attack of pneumonia.

Jose Diaz, charged with importing cocaine into Honolulu, was placed under bond of \$500 for his appearance in federal court in answer to the charge yesterday. He is an engineer on the S. S. President.

Miss Elinor True, of San Francisco, gave a number of special dances last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen, on Kani. Miss True was accompanied to the island by her sister, Miss Dorothy True.

With the cases which are being shipped to the mainland on their way to France today, Honolulu has forwarded seventy-five cases of surgical dressings and hospital supplies since January 1. The cases came from Oahu, Maui, and Kauai.

Articles of association have been filed by the Schooner Luka Company, Ltd. The capital stock is \$6000 and privilege is reserved to increase this to \$100,000. The officers are: K. Matsumoto, U. Fukumachi, K. Oti, H. Fujikawa and Matsuyoshi.

The total number of national guardsmen to be registered on Oahu will be 750, according to figures given by Major Will Wayne of the adjutant-general's office. The total strength of the First Battalion, Second Regiment, Island of Hawaii, is 138.

Alfred W. Carter has filed in the circuit court a petition asking to be allowed to resign as a trustee of the Charles R. Bishop Estate, which was established on August 1, 1895. Mr. Carter recently resigned as a trustee of the Bernice P. Bishop Estate.

In Local Exemption Board No. 2, Chairman George Renton has figured that 18.8 percent of the draft registrants classified in his district have been placed in Class 1A. He has also figured 38.1 percent have been classified as resident aliens claiming exemption.

A charge of receiving stolen goods, a gold watch, was made yesterday against Israel Fine, a Hebrew, yesterday morning in the district court. It is said that the chief witness of the prosecution, a boy, is now on Hawaii, and it was not believed to be worth while to go to the expense of bringing him back to testify in the case.

Robert Rosillos who was convicted in police court on a charge of taking part on June 28 of last year in a gambling game, failed to appear yesterday in the circuit court to which he had appealed the case after he had been fined \$25, and his bond was ordered forfeited and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

H. E. Beasley, who was arrested and fined \$25 in police court on a charge of reckless driving, asked for a continuance of the hearing of an appeal he had taken to the circuit court when the case was called and the case will go to trial early next week. It is alleged that Beasley drove his car in a manner contrary to law on King Street on December 21.

"Princess" Theresa Wilcox Belliveau appeared in Judge Heen's court yesterday to answer to an indictment brought against her by the territorial grand jury charging forgery in connection with the execution of a document purporting to be the late Queen Liliuokalani. She pleaded not guilty. The case was continued to be set for trial later.

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PERSONALS

I. W. De Vis Norton, of the Volcano Research Association, left for the Volcano of Kilauea yesterday afternoon.

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, of the board of health returned home from the Big Island in the Mauna Kea yesterday morning.

Mrs. W. M. S. Lindsay, of Waimea, Hawaii, is recovering nicely at the Queen's Hospital after a minor operation.

Former Governor George R. Carter will leave today on a flying trip to San Francisco, where Mrs. Carter will join him and return with him.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Robinson of Wailuku, Maui, are in the city visiting their daughter, Miss Eva Robinson, clerk in Judge William H. Heen's division of the circuit court.

J. B. Lightfoot, junior member of the law firm, Lightfoot & Lightfoot, was stricken with an attack of appendicitis in court yesterday. It was not determined yesterday whether an operation would be performed.

John Doherty, engineer at the Pacific Guano & Fertilizer Company, was successfully operated on by Dr. Blodgett at the Queen's Hospital yesterday. He was reported yesterday as doing nicely.

One of the visitors in the city is J. V. Binning, business manager of the Hilo Post-Herald, who arrived from Hawaii yesterday morning. Binning expects to return to the Big Island next Wednesday.

Prof. T. A. Jagger, the Kilauea Volcano scientist has returned from Kauai, where he gave a lecture on the advancement of volcanic science. The lecture was delivered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brandt, of Waimea.

I. W. de Vis Norton of the Hawaiian Volcano Research Association, is going over to the Volcano of Kilauea on today's steamer, and will be glad to be of service to all visitors desiring information concerning the volcano or the island of Hawaii.

Ernest J. Martin, one of the Martin Brothers of Tasmania, who some years ago, did a flourishing business in Honolulu, in Tasmanian sealish necklaces, is now on his way to England as a correspondent in the 9th Company of the 40th Tasmanian Battalion, Imperial Australian Army.

M. O. Johnson, chemist of the United States Experiment station, is returning from the mainland next week to continue his experiments in producing flour from bananas, potatoes, and other vegetables. He has been accepted for the gas and flame corps but will not be called into service for several months.

Former Governor George R. Carter was a passenger in the steamer President yesterday for the mainland, where he expects to meet Mrs. Carter, who is returning to this city. After spending a day or so on the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. Carter will continue their journey homeward.

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CHILD BACK, TALKS OF FOOD MATTERS

More drastic Regulations and Federal Licenses For Fishing Boats Among Plans Announced

More drastic food restrictions, federal licenses for fishing boats, forbidding the sale of hens and pullets, and stricter enforcement of rules for general food conservation were among the matters touched upon yesterday by J. F. Child, food administrator for Hawaii upon his return from Washington where he attended a conference of those directing conservation in the various States and territories.

At the conference, Mr. Child said, he was able to show by records that were available at Washington just what the Territory has been doing along food conservation lines. These records show, he said, that imports of foodstuffs in Hawaii in 1917 dropped approximately ten percent.

The present system of the voluntary conservation of food in homes generally, he said, is working satisfactorily and no change in methods is now contemplated. People are observing meat less and wheatless days in the islands with no other pressure than the simple appeal to their patriotism, he said, and the results have been satisfactory. He did not believe there would be any laxity, but added that should the occasion arise, the food administration has ample power to enforce any drastic regulations that might be required.

The food administrator would not say that changes about to be introduced in connection with fishing boats and the marketing of fish would have any decided effect on prices. The system of licensing boats, however, he said, would broaden his powers and effect a greater control of the industry that he has had hitherto.

While on the mainland, Mr. Child said, he made a particular study of fish marketing in various large centers, like San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

Honolulu in the matter of fish marketing and fish prices, he declared, "is really lucky."

He said that in the various mainland centers he encountered exactly the same problem that Honolulu is facing, with the difference that mainland conditions were far worse than they are here. In this connection he stated that he had ascertained that Honolulu's per capita fish consumption is far above those of mainland centers.

Mr. Child's statement in regard to conditions here being worse than elsewhere is at variance with information gained by some others who have made a study of local and mainland conditions.

In connection with fish prices here Child said that a change that is going to be placed in effect by the food administration is that hereafter fish must be sold by the pound and not by the fish, as has been done commonly in the past.

What changes in prices might be effected the food administrator was unwilling to say beyond stating that any profiteering or taking advantage of war conditions would meet sharp check.

Honolulu is to some extent affected by the poultry order which was received from Washington by the food administrator yesterday. This order forbids the slaughter and sale of pullets and hens for a period of a year. The order, it is thought, is an outcome of a condition which arose when the price of grain and feed for chickens began to soar.

Poultrymen found their profits vanishing with the rising prices of chicken feed with the result that they abandoned keeping chickens in many places and sold them on the market. Under the new order, the sale of pullets and hens is to be stopped for the period of a year.

The police car made record time to the outskirts of the camp. Then a halt was called and the sleuths left on a cautious advance which would eventually bring them within striking distance of the house in which the gambling was going on. All went well, as the look-outs were evidently asleep. The police, acting under orders of their commander, at last charged the dwelling. There was one hurried scuffle, one scared yell and a cry of "coops," or rather the Filipino equivalent for it. Then the sleuths, having gained admittance to the gilded halls of vice, made a dash for the "evidence," which usually reposes on a table around which the gamblers congregate.

The first man to reach the table was Detective Sergeant George Tucker, and he threw out his hands to cover the "evidence." It was then he got the shock of his life, for there, stretched upon the table was the body of a Filipino. The man had died that morning and it was a wake that was being held, not a fiesta. The only loser in the house didn't squeal.

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PROHIBITION FOR HAWAII WILL WIN

After Conference With Officials of War Department Is Confident of Success

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION APPEARS PROBABLE

Local Liquor House Reads Handwriting on the Wall and Prepares To Get Rid of Stock

WASHINGTON, February 10.—(Special to The Advertiser)—McClellan, after further conferences with officials of the war department, is confident, for the first time, that prohibition for Hawaii will win.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

Confidence that the power of King Alcohol is to be quickly shaken from the Territory of Hawaii is increased by the above telegram which The Advertiser received yesterday from its special correspondent in Washington.

With the introduction of a "bone dry bill" in the senate and with the assurance of the position which the Delegate will take on his arrival at the national capital, the possibility of prohibition for Hawaii by congressional legislation grew to a probability and a practical certainty. The message from the correspondent of The Advertiser indicates the Territory may not have to wait the passage of the pending bill but may yet secure prohibition by proclamation. This could be followed by federal prohibition by legislation.

George McK. McClellan, representing the chamber of commerce at Washington, has been working assiduously to secure favorable action upon the request of the chamber, the A. O. U. and other organizations, for prohibition for Oahu during the continuance of the war and as a war measure. Hopes of such action have had cold water thrown upon them by the reports of adverse opinions by the attorney general and by General Crowder as to the right of the President to take such action. The message from Mr. Walker makes it appear that presidential action may still be possible and the proclamation may yet issue.

In Honolulu signs are not wanting that the approach of prohibition is recognized even by its opponents. One of the large wholesale liquor houses has within the past few days notified its regular customers of sweeping reductions in the price of nearly all of its "wet goods" for a thirty day period. It is said by this concern that the money arising from the increased sales, which it is expected these reductions will bring, is needed to meet large payments of taxes. It is surmised that the reduction of stock before prohibition comes may have much to do with the great reduction in prices.

The house mentioned is offering some big cuts from the recent high prices and these affect home brewed beers as well as other brands, wines and heavier liquors. The reductions range, it is said, from twenty to thirty-three percent.

Seven shots fired at an unidentified soldier who was making his escape from arrest in an automobile which he had quickly appropriated while an officer was taking his companion to a police call box following a chase of several miles through Waikiki, Kapiolani Park and into Kaimuki, between one and two o'clock Saturday morning, caused a report to be sent to the police station that civilians and soldiers in two automobiles were having a pistol fight on the Waialae Road.

The first call came to the police when an automobile with two unidentified civilians overtook the police patrol as it was returning from a call on Kalaheo Avenue and reported the pistol firing between the two automobiles in the Waialae district.

As none of the officers in the patrol wagon was armed with a revolver and they had a prisoner besides they decided it was wiser to report at the station before investigating.

After arrival at the station the wagon was loaded with the emergency squad, all well armed and started in pursuit of the supposed automobile gunmen.

On reaching the corner of Waialae and Kapiolani Roads S. K. Ferraro, one of the motorcycle officers, reported that he did the shooting in an attempt to capture a soldier whom he had been chasing in order to arrest for speeding. The soldier, he said, had made his escape in the bushes back of the Chinese store at that location, after he had fired one more shot at him. A search was made of the neighborhood but the elusive soldier could not be discovered.

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Kuhio For Prohibition

THE ADVERTISER has received information throwing an entirely new light upon the recent cabled request by Kuhio to the senators and representatives back of Hawaiian prohibition legislation that this be held up pending his return to the Capital.

The inference drawn from Kuhio's reply, in the failure of the Delegate to take anyone into his confidence and in the knowledge of his previous advocacy of "home rule" was that he would oppose any prohibition measure which did not provide for a preliminary plebiscite by territorial voters. Such inference, we now know, was entirely wrong.

Kuhio has radically altered his views regarding the necessity of strict, federal prohibition for the Islands and is today on his way to Washington to urge that congress pass a bone dry act and make it immediately effective. He is opposed now to any suggestion of referring the matter to the local voters, either as a preliminary to the enforcement of prohibition or as a later